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As ordinary citizens, we feel the current settlement terms are fair, just and send the right message to Microsoft.

Unfortunately, a few people and corporations, for various reasons, are seeking to prolong the proceedings under the guise that the settlement is not fair. We see their reasons much differently. As for the various Attorneys General, we see only a political motive designed toward re-election or a hunger for higher office.

As for the competitors, they found themselves unable to compete and are trying to make up for their lack of ability in this way.

We are particularly chagrined over the stance taken by Senator Hatch. Although he is taking this position to try to gain advantage for one of his constituents, he should be mindful of the economic loss created by the delay and costs for the total economy, as well as the fairness.

Thank you for your consideration of our position.

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